

1897.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
OF THE
COUNTY OF WELLAND.

JANUARY SESSION.

JANUARY 26, 27, 28, 29, 30,—1897.

E. MORRIS, Esq., WARDEN.

WELLAND:
PRINTED AT THE TRIBUNE OFFICE.

COUNTY OFFICIALS:

W. W. Fitzgerald, Esq., County Judge and Local Master.

James Smith, Esq., Sheriff.

Walter V. Smith, Esq., Deputy-Sheriff.

James E. Morin, Esq., Registrar.

I. P. Willson, Esq., County Court Clerk, Local Registrar of High Court
and Registrar of Surrogate Court.

T. D. Cowper, Esq., Clerk of the Peace and County Crown Attorney.

Geo. L. Hobson, Esq., Division Court Clerk, No. 1, Welland.

Paul J. Wilson, Esq., Division Court Clerk, No. 2, Marshville.

Ernest Cruikshank, Esq., Division Court Clerk, No. 3, Fort Erie.

J. G. Cadham, Esq., Division Court Clerk, No. 4, Niagara Falls South.

Thos. Conlon, Jr., Esq., Division Court Clerk, No. 5, Thorold.

A. K. Scholfield, Esq., Division Court Clerk, No. 6, Port Colborne.

John Coulson, Esq., Jailer.

James H. Ball, Esq., Public School Inspector.

Geo. L. Hobson, Esq., County Treasurer.

Robert Cooper, Esq., County Clerk.

Jas. P. Pegg, Esq., North Pelham, County Auditor.

F. W. Casey, Esq., Thorold, County Auditor.

Judge W. W. Fitzgerald, Welland,

Walter Upper, Esq., Allanburgh,

M. B. Misener, Esq., Port Robinson,

} Board of Audit.

L. C. Raymond, Esq., County Solicitor.

J. H. Howell, Esq., Jail Surgeon.

J. O. Emmett, Esq., Physician House of Industry.

J. W. Hemmings, Keeper of House of Industry.

John Botterill, Caretaker and Messenger.

TOWNSHIP CLERKS.

		POSTOFFICE.
Bridgeburg	Henry Emerick	Bridgeburg
Bertie	A. H. Kilman	Ridgeway
Chippawa	Wm. Greenwood	Chippawa
Crowland	W. H. Biggar	Crowland
Fort Erie	B. F. Matthews	Fort Erie
Humberstone	A. E. Near	Humberstone
Niagara Falls Town	J. Robinson	Niagara Falls
Pelham	J. C. Crow	Ridgeville
Port Colborne	F. D. Noble	Port Colborne
Stamford	F. A. Hutt	South End
Thorold Township	Thomas A. Clark	Fonthill
Thorold Town	W. T. Fish	Thorold
Niagara Falls Village	John H. Garner	Niagara Falls South
Wainfleet	John Henderson	Marshville
Welland	E. R. Hellems	Welland
Willoughby	H. H. Beam	Black Creek

TOWNSHIP TREASURERS.

Bertie	Ralph Disher	Ridgeway
Chippawa	J. F. Macklem	Chippawa
Crowland	Henry O. Bugner	Crowland
Fort Erie	Wm. Rainsford	Fort Erie
Humberstone	R. H. Appleyard	Humberstone
Pelham	D. J. Stone	Fonthill
Port Colborne	David Hughes	Port Colborne
Stamford	James R. McMicking	Stamford
Thorold Township	Thomas A. Clark	Fonthill
Thorold Town	Wm. Dougan	Thorold
Niagara Falls Village	Robert Fralick	Niagara Falls South
Wainfleet	Archibald B. MacLean	Marshville
Welland	J. H. Burgar	Welland
Willoughby	Robert McCredie	Chippawa

STANDING COMMITTEES—1897 :

ON ROADS AND BRIDGES—

Wm. Brown, Marshville.
Robert Moore, Amigari.
E. Morden, Stamford.

ON JAIL—

S. J. Sidey, Welland.
J. Harrison Pew, Stamford.
H. Cronmiller, Port Colborne.

ON INDUSTRIAL HOME—

E. Cruikshank, Fort Erie.
C. E. Steele, Port Colborne.
Walter Upper, Allanburgh.

ON FINANCE—

Committee of the whole Council.
Charles E. Steele, Chairman.

ON PRINTING—

Committee of the whole Council.
Egerton Morden, Chairman.

ON EDUCATION—

Committee of the whole Council.
J. Harrison Pew, Chairman.

ON EQUALIZATION—

Committee of the whole Council.
Henry Cronmiller, Chairman.

The Chairman of each paid committee to hand in to Clerk, at each session, the number of days and miles of each member of his committee, to enable the Treasurer to enter up to their respective accounts.

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JANUARY SESSION.

FIRST DAY.

WELLAND, Tuesday, 26th January, 1897.

Pursuant to the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892, and the Act to reduce the number of County Councillors, the County Councillors elect under the County Councils Act, 1896, made and subscribed the declaration of office and qualification thereto according to Sec. 270, Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892, and met at Council Chamber, Welland, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of organization, election of Warden, and the transaction of general business.

The Clerk *ad interim* in the chair.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

The following named gentlemen subscribed the declarations of office and qualification as required by law, and took their seats at the Council table, that is to say :

- District No. 1.—J. HARRISON PEW, of the Township of Stamford.
EGERTON MORDEN, of the Township of Stamford.
District No. 2.—ERNEST CRUIKSHANK, of the Township of Bertie.
ROBERT MOORE, of the Village of Bridgeburg.

District No. 3.—HENRY CRONMILLER, of the Village of Port Colborne.

CHARLES E. STEELE, of the Township of Humberstone.

District No. 4.—EDWARD MORRIS, of the Township of Pelham.

WM. BROWN, of the Township of Wainfleet.

District No. 5.—S. J. SIDEY, of the Town of Welland.

WALTER UPPER, of the Township of Thorold.

The roll having been called, the following Councillors answered to their names :

Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Cruikshank, Moore, Morden, Morris, Pew, Sidey, Steele and Upper.—10.

ELECTION OF WARDEN.

The Clerk announced that it would now be in order to proceed with the election of Warden by ballot, and read, for the information of the Council, clause 1 of the Standing Rules, referring to the election of Warden by ballot, after which the following nomination was received :

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Brown,

That Mr. Morris be Warden for the year 1897.

No further nominations being proposed, the ballot was taken, and resulted in nine for Mr. Morris and one blank.

Mr. Morris was declared by the Clerk duly elected, and came forward and took the declaration of office before Ernest Cruikshank, Esq., Commissioner, as Warden of the County of Welland for the present year, and thanked the Council for the honor conferred. He said the new County Councils Act was now on its trial, and while opinions might differ in some respects all would agree that a reduction of expenditure would be accomplished. He trusted retrenchment would be the order of the day. The expenditure connected with the Industrial Home, especially during 1896, was excessive, and showed extravagance and mismanagement, and he would recommend that the Home accounts for the past two years be brought before Council and examined, with a view to retrenchment in the future.

HOURS OF MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Steele,

That the hours of meeting and adjournment of this Council during the several sessions of the current year be as follows : Meet at 9.30 o'clock, adjourn at 12 noon ; meet at 1 p. m., adjourn at 6 p. m.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Morden, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller,

That the hours of meeting and adjournment during this session be as

follows : Meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 12 o'clock noon ; meet again at 1.30 p. m., adjourn at 5.30.—Lost on a division.

The original motion was then put and carried.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. Cruikshank gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a memorial to the Legislative Assembly of this Province, praying for certain amendments to the Game Law.

Mr. Cruikshank gives notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce a memorial to the House of Commons for Canada, praying for the enactment of an Alien Labor Law similar to that in force in the United States of America.

Mr. Pew gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a memorial to the Local Legislature *re* Canadian Niagara Falls Power Co.

Mr. Sidey gives notice that he will on to-morrow introduce a bill for the appointment of High School Trustees to fill the various vacancies occurring in the High Schools of the County.

Mr. Morden gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a by-law to appoint a High School Trustee for the Town of Niagara Falls.

Mr. Morden gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a memorial to the Ontario Legislature in respect to the extension of the special privileges to the Canadian Niagara Falls Power Co.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Sidey,

That this Council do now go into committee of the whole to strike the Standing Committees for the present year.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the Council went into committee of the whole, Mr. Morden in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the following resolutions :

The Warden in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Sidey, seconded by Mr. Pew,

That the following names constitute the Standing Committees for the year 1897 :

Industrial Home—Messrs. Cruikshank, Steele and Upper.

Road and Bridge—Messrs. Brown, Moore and Morden.

Jail—Messrs. Sidey, Pew and Cronmiller.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pew, seconded by Mr. Cruikshank,

That the whole Council be a Standing Committee on Finance, Education, Printing and Equalization.—Carried.

The Warden presented report of committee on Standing Committees, which was read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Morden, seconded by Mr. Upper,

That the report of the committee on Standing Committees be now adopted.—Carried.

AMENDMENTS TO RAILWAY ACT.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Sidey,

That the communication from the County of Lambton, praying for certain amendments to the Railway Act, be concurred in ; and that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the same and affix the seal of this County on behalf of this Council.—Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS.

The Warden presented the following communications and petitions :

From Thos. D. McBride, *re* resignation as member of the Thorold High School Board.

From Wm. M. German, M. P. P., *re* the receipt of copy of memorial and resolution of the County Council, each of which, he stated, would receive prompt attention from him on the assembling of the Legislature at its approaching session.

From Wm. McCleary, M. P., *re* the receipt of copy of petition of the County Council, which, he stated, would receive his attention at first opportunity in the House of Commons.

From County of Frontenac, *re* memorializing the Government to take into consideration the placing on the free list, viz. : Crude oil, coal oil, wire for fencing, and all raw material.

From County of Wentworth, *re* amendment to Registry Act and General Road Companies' Act.

From County of Lambton, *re* drainage works through railways.

From Geo. A. Bull, President of L. L. H. S., requesting to fix day for meeting Council.

From County of Simcoe, *re* the maintenance of the Victoria Industrial School.

From Prisoners' Aid Association.

From Wm. Pickard, *re* the expenses of the Constabulary Association.
Minutes from other Counties.

STATEMENT *re* NIAGARA FALLS TOWN.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Sidey,

That it be an instruction to the Treasurer of this County to prepare a statement of account between this County and Niagara Falls Town for the year 1896, and lay the same before this Council on the first day of the June session.—Carried.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

(Sgd.) EDWARD MORRIS,

Warden.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, 27th January, 1897.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met at 9:30 a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

All members present.

The minutes of yesterday were read by Clerk and approved by Council.

The Warden presented Treasurer's report, which was read to Council.

ARREARS OF TAXES.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller,

That the Treasurer be instructed to communicate with the treasurers of the several municipalities in arrears of taxes for the year 1896, requesting immediate payment of the several amounts due from each of them respectively, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of said treasurers.—Carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Cruikshank gives notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce a bill for the appointment of a Board of Criminal Audit for the year 1897.

Mr. Pew gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a memorial to the local legislature, *re* amending section 241 of Assessment Act of the Municipal Act, respecting arrears of taxes due County from Municipalities.

Mr. Cruikshank gives notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to

introduce a bill praying for certain amendments in the Act respecting the selection of jurors.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Moved by Mr. Pew, seconded by Mr. Sidey,

That the Treasurer's report be received and printed in the minutes.—

Carried.

MEMORIAL *re* GAME LAW.

Mr. Cruikshank asked leave to introduce a memorial to the Legislative Assembly for the Province of Ontario, praying for certain amendments in the Game Law for this Province.

Leave granted.

Memorial read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Moore,

That the memorial to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, praying for certain amendments in the Game Law of the said Province, be adopted.—Carried.

TREASURER'S BONDS.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Steele,

That it shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to report at the present session in accordance with Sec. 249, Chap. 184, R. S. O., which requires that it shall be the duty of every Municipal Council to inquire into the sufficiency of the security furnished by the Treasurer's bonds and report thereon.—Carried.

NOTICE *re* BILL TO APPOINT AUDITORS.

Mr. Pew gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a bill to appoint Auditors of Treasurer's accounts for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

INDUSTRIAL HOME ACCOUNTS, 1895-6.

Moved by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Pew,

That the Warden be requested to "lay on the table" all the accounts and vouchers pertaining to the expense of conducting Industrial Home from January, 1895, to the present date; also all resolutions and instructions of both Council and Home Committee referring to the above.—Carried.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 o'clock p. m. the Council resumed.

NIAGARA FALLS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Morden,

That the deputation from Niagara Falls Collegiate Institute be heard.

Mr. Alexander Logan addressed the Council, giving a statement of the work done by the Institute.

Mr. Quillinan, Secretary of the Board, also addressed the Council, presenting a statement of cost of building and maintenance of the Institute from its inception, and presented report of receipts and expenditures, and also list of pupils attending said Institute.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore,

That the claim of the Niagara Falls Collegiate Institute be referred to Messrs. Cruikshank, Pew and Morden, as a committee to examine said accounts, and to ascertain the legal liability of this County in respect to certain pupils.—Carried.

PRISONERS IN JAILS.

Moved by Mr. Sidey, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller,

That this Council agrees with the communication from the Prisoners' Aid Association insofar as it approves of the establishing of Industrial Homes throughout the Province; that, where practicable, prisoners should be divided into classes, and where practicable and at all possible prisoners should be kept employed. At the same time, this Council does not believe that any more money should be expended on making convicts more comfortable, and therefore this Council refuses to grant any money at this time to the fund of the Prisoners' Aid Association.—Carried.

CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER COMPANY.

Moved by Mr. Pew, seconded by Mr. Cruikshank,

That leave be given to introduce a memorial to the Local Legislature, *re* extension of time to the Canadian Niagara Power Company.

Leave granted and bill read a first, second and third time and passed, entitled "A memorial to the Local Legislature, *re* extension of time to the Canadian Power Company."

INDUSTRIAL HOME REPORT.

The Warden presented report of the Chairman of Industrial Home Committee, which was read to Council.

Report stood for further consideration at the request of the Council.

HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Moved by Mr. Sidey, seconded by Mr. Steele,
That leave be given to introduce a bill to appoint High School Trustees
for the various High Schools of the County of Welland.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Sidey, seconded by Mr. Steele,

That the bill be read a first time.

Bill read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Sidey, seconded by Mr. Steele,

That the blank in the bill for Trustee for Welland High School be
filled in with the name of David McEwing.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pew, seconded by Mr. Morden,

That the blank in the bill for Trustee in the Stamford High School be
filled in with the name of F. A. Hutt.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sidey, seconded by Mr. Morden,

That the name of Wm. McGill be filled in the blank as High School
Trustee for the Town of Thorold.

Moved by Mr. Upper, seconded by Mr. Brown,

In amendment, that the blank in the bill for Thorold High School be
filled in with the name of William Williams.

The amendment proposed and carried on a division.

Pursuant to the foregoing resolutions the several blanks were filled up
accordingly.

The bill was read a second and third time and passed, entitled: "A By-law
to appoint High School Trustees for the various High Schools of the County
of Welland."

GRANT TO COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Moved by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Sidey,

That this Council make the usual annual grant to the County Teachers'
Association of \$25, being an equivalent to the Government grant.—Carried.

COUNTY AUDITORS.

Moved by Mr. Upper, seconded by Mr. Brown,

That F. W. Casey be appointed an auditor of the treasurer's accounts
for the year 1896.—Carried.

The Warden named on his behalf James P. Pegg as auditor of the
treasurer's accounts for the year 1896.

CANADIAN NIAGARA FALLS POWER COMPANY.

Moved by Mr. Pew, seconded by Mr. Cruikshank,

That the memorial *re* extension of time to the Canadian Niagara Power Co. be signed by the Warden and Clerk and forwarded to the Attorney-General at once.—Carried.

MEMORIAL *re* ALIEN LABOR LAW.

Mr. Cruikshank asked leave to introduce a memorial to the House of Commons of Canada for the enactment of an Alien Labor Law, similar to that in force in the United States of America.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Moore,

That the memorial to the House of Commons for Canada, praying for the enactment of an Alien Labor Law, just read, be adopted, and that the memorial be signed by the Warden and Clerk, and the corporate seal affixed, and that it be forwarded to Wm. McCleary, Esq., M. P., for presentation.—Carried.

TRUSTEE FOR NIAGARA FALLS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

Moved by Mr. Morden, seconded by Mr. Upper,

That leave be given to introduce a bill to appoint a High School Trustee for the Niagara Falls Collegiate Institute.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Morden, seconded by Mr. Upper,

That the bill be read a first time in blank.

Bill read a first time in blank.

Moved by Mr. Morden, seconded by Mr. Sidey,

That the blank be filled with the name of Alexander Logan.

The yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Morden, Sidey, Steele and Upper.—4.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Cruikshank, Moore and Pew.—4.

The vote being a tie the Warden voted yea, declaring the motion carried.

Pursuant to the foregoing resolution the blank was filled in accordingly.

Bill read a second and third time and passed, entitled "A By-law to appoint a High School Trustee for Niagara Falls Collegiate Institute."

VICTORIA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Steele,

That this Council do concur with the memorial from the County of

Simcoe, respecting the maintenance of boys committed to Victoria Industrial School.—Carried.

MEMORIAL ~~72~~ AMENDMENT TO HIGH SCHOOL ACT.

Mr. Pew gives notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce a memorial to the local legislature to amend sub-section 5 of section 2 of the High School Act, 1896.

AMENDMENTS TO ROAD ACT.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Brown,

That this Council do not concur with the memorial from the County Council for the County of Wentworth, praying for certain amendments in the General Road Company's Act.—Carried.

TENDERS ASKED FOR PRINTING.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Steele,

That the Clerk do notify the several printers that sealed tenders will be received up to ten o'clock a. m., Thursday, January 28th, for the printing of 200 copies of the minutes of each session, the same as in former years: including auditors' report—except that in future side notes be omitted and the page width increased by two-thirds of an inch throughout, and the matter be single leaded only; also, price in bulk for advertising list of convictions, quarterly returns. All other county printing to be given to the person or persons awarded the contract, and to be charged for at regular rates. Said tenders to state price per page. The work to be done in the same type as last year; and that the time given the printers, after receiving the manuscript from the county clerk, be two months for completion of the same, except that it be an instruction to the county printers to have the minutes for December printed in time for reference at the following January session.—Carried.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

(Sgd.) EDWARD MORRIS,
Warden.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, Jan. 28th, 1897.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met at 9:30 a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

All members present.

Minutes of yesterday were read by Clerk and approved by Council.

MEMORIAL ~~re~~ ACT FOR SELECTION OF JURORS.

Mr. Cruikshank asked leave to introduce a memorial to the Legislative Assembly for the Province of Ontario, praying for certain amendments in the Act respecting the selection of jurors.

Leave granted.

Memorial read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Sidey,

That the memorial to the Legislative Assembly, praying for certain amendments to the Jurors' Act, be adopted, and that fifty copies of the same be printed and transmitted to the Clerks of the several Counties in Ontario, with a circular praying for the concurrence of their Councils therein.—Carried.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Brown,

That Mr. Pew be elected chairman of the Education Committee, Mr. Steele chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Morden chairman of the Printing Committee, and Mr. Cronmiller chairman of the Equalization Committee.—Carried.

AUDITORS CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACCOUNTS.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Brown,

That leave be given to introduce a bill to appoint members of the Board of Criminal Audit for the year 1897.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Brown,

That the bill be read a first time in blank.

Bill read a first time in blank.

Moved by Mr. Pew, seconded by Mr. Moore,

That Mr. Upper be, and hereby is, appointed on behalf of this Council on the Board of Audit of Criminal Justice accounts.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller,
That Mr. M. B. Misener be appointed on the Board of Audit of Criminal Justice accounts.—Carried.

Pursuant to the foregoing resolutions, the several blanks were filled in accordingly.

Bill read a second and third time and passed, entitled "A By-law to appoint Members of the Board of Audit for the year 1897."

COUNTY AUDITORS.

Moved by Mr. Pew, seconded by Mr. Sidey,
That leave be given to introduce a bill for the appointment of auditors of the treasurer's accounts of 1896.

Leave granted and bill read a first, second and third time and passed, entitled "A By-law for the appointment of Auditors of the Treasurer's Accounts of 1896."

ROLLER SHELIVING.

The Warden asked permission from the Council for Mr. Mason to be heard *re* roller shelving for Registry office.

Mr. Mason came forward and addressed the Council on the subject, Council agreeing to inspect sample of roller shelving at 1 p. m., at the Registry office.

BY-LAW *re* TEMPORARY LOANS.

Mr. Sidey asked leave to now introduce a by-law to authorize the Warden and treasurer to borrow money for County purposes, any rule of this Council to the contrary notwithstanding.

Moved by Mr. Sidey, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller,
That leave be given to introduce a bill to authorize the Warden and treasurer to borrow money for County purposes.

Leave granted and bill read a first, second and third time and passed, entitled : "A bill to authorize the Warden and treasurer to borrow money for County purposes."

EXAMINATION OF INDUSTRIAL HOME ACCOUNTS.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller,
That this Council do now go into committee of the whole to examine accounts of the House of Industry for 1895 and 1896.

Pursuant to motion, the Council went into committee of the whole, Mr. Brown in the chair.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the chairman left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 o'clock p. m. the Council resumed.

The Warden in the chair.

GRANT TO LUNDY'S LANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

A delegation from Lundy's Lane Historical Society, composed of Rev. Canon Bull and James Wilson, Esq., Superintendent Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park, was heard by Council *re* grant to said society.

Moved by Mr. Pew, seconded by Mr. Morden,

That this Council fully appreciate the very valuable work being done by the Lundy's Lane Historical Society, which we believe will be more fully appreciated as time rolls on, and have much pleasure in granting the sum of \$100 toward assisting them in publishing the valued historical records in their possession.—Carried.

CANADIAN NIAGARA FALLS POWER COMPANY.

The Warden presented communication and memorial from the Municipal Council of the Township of Stamford respecting the Canadian Niagara Falls Power Company.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller,

That the memorial from the Municipal Council of the Township of Stamford, respecting the Canadian Niagara Falls Power Company, being similar in tenor to the memorial already adopted by this Council, be received and placed on file.—Carried.

GRANTS TO FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

The Warden presented communication from J. E. Cohoe, secretary-treasurer Monck Farmers' Institute, *re* grant to said institute.

Also, from E. Morden, secretary-treasurer Welland County Farmers' Institute, *re* grant to said society.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore,

That in accordance with the act regulating Farmers' Institutes we grant ten dollars to J. E. Cohoe, treasurer of Monck County Institute, and twenty-five dollars to E. Morden, treasurer of Welland County Institute.—Carried.

INDUSTRIAL HOME ACCOUNTS.

The Council again went into committee of the whole on Industrial Home accounts. Mr. Brown in the chair.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the chairman left the chair.

(Sgd.) EDWARD MORRIS,

Warden.

FOURTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Friday, Jan. 29th, 1897.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

All members present.

The minutes of yesterday were read by Clerk and approved by Council.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS.

Moved by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Sidey,

That the Industrial Home, Gaol, and Roads and Bridges Committees be requested to have the regular quarterly reports compiled as follows, viz: First quarter close March 1st, second quarter close June 1st, third quarter close September 1st and fourth quarter close December 1st, of each year. From January 1st to March 1st shall constitute the first quarter of 1897.—Carried.

AMENDMENT TO HIGH SCHOOL ACT.

Mr. Pew asked leave to introduce a memorial to the Legislative Assembly, praying for amendment to the High School Act of 1896.

Leave granted.

Memorial read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Pew, seconded by Mr. Cruikshank,

That the memorial, praying for the amendment to the High School Act, just read, be signed by the Warden and Clerk and the corporate seal attached, and handed to W. M. German, M. P. P., for presentation at the local legislature at its coming session.—Carried.

FURNITURE NOT TO BE LOANED.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Steele,

That the Jail Committee be instructed not to permit any furniture to be removed from the County building on any pretext whatsoever.—Carried.

INDUSTRIAL HOME REPORTS ASKED FOR.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller,

That the Warden be requested to lay before the committee of the whole a statement of the current expenditure for maintenance of the House of Industry for this County since its opening, as reported to this Council by successive committees, and also a statement of expenditure for drugs and medicines for the County Jail for the last three years.—Carried.

ON PRINTING.

Moved by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Sidey,

That the Council do now go into committee of the whole on printing.—

Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the Council went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Morden in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the following resolution :

The Warden in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller,

That the tender of Welland Tribune, being the lowest tender for county printing, be accepted ; it being expressly understood that all printing ordered by a County official, in execution of the duties of his office, shall be included therein.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Upper,

That it be an instruction from this Council to the County Clerk to send a copy of resolution *re* printing to the different County officials.—Carried.

PAYMENT OF STENOGRAPHER.

Moved by Mr. Pew, seconded by Mr. Brown,

That the Warden be authorized to issue cheques for payment of stenographer for County Courts, as per Judge's order, for the year 1897, providing charges for same do not exceed \$3 per day.—Carried.

PROMOTION EXAMINATION PAPERS.

The Warden presented resolution of County Teachers' Association, *re* grant to said society.

Moved by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Pew,

That the sum of \$15 be granted County Teachers' Association to assist in printing forms, so that the promotion examination papers throughout the County may be uniform.—Carried.

PRINTING.

The Warden presented report of standing committee on printing, which was read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Morden, seconded by Mr. Moore,

That the report of Printing committee be adopted.—Carried.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Warden left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At one o'clock the Council visited the registry office and examined samples of the roller shelving submitted for their inspection by Mr. Mason.

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY ACCOUNTS.

Upon reassembling in the Council chamber the Council went into Committee of the Whole to complete the examination in detail of the accounts of the House of Industry for the years 1895-6.

The hour of adjournment having arrived before the examination was concluded, the committee rose.

At 7:30 p. m. the committee reassembled and continued the examination until 9:45 p. m., when the committee again rose.

(Sgd) E. MORRIS,
Warden.

FIFTH DAY.**MORNING SESSION.**

Saturday, 30th January, 1897.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met at 9:30.

The Warden in the chair.

All members present.

The minutes of yesterday were read by Clerk and approved by Council.

JAIL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Warden presented first report of Jail Committee, which was read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Sidey, seconded by Mr. Pew,

That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

ASSESSMENT ACT.

Mr. Pew asked leave to introduce a Memorial to the Legislative Assembly for the Province of Ontario, praying for certain amendments of section 243 of the Consolidated Assessment Act of 1892.

Leave granted.

Memorial read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Pew, seconded by Mr. Moore,

That the memorial praying for the amendment of section 243 of the Consolidated Assessment Act of 1892, just read, be signed by the Warden

and Clerk, and the corporate seal attached, and forwarded to W. M. German, M. P. P., for presentation to the local legislature at its next session.—Carried.

SECOND REPORT, JAIL COMMITTEE.

The Warden presented the second report of Jail Committee, which was read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Sidey, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller,

That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

COUNTY SCHOOL INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Moved by Mr. Pew, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller,

That the County School Inspector's report be received and printed in the minutes.—Carried.

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY—REPORT FOR 1896.

Moved by Mr. Sidey, seconded by Mr. Steele,

That the report of chairman of House of Industry for 1896, as read, be adopted.—Carried.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Moved by Mr. Sidey, seconded by Mr. Steele,

That the treasurer's statement *re* yearly current expenditure Industrial Home, be received and printed in the minutes.—Carried.

ON FINANCE.

Moved by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Cruikshank,

That this Council do now go into Committee of the Whole on finance.—Carried.

Pursuant to foregoing resolution, Council went into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Steele in the chair.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the chairman left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

ON FINANCE.

Business was resumed at one o'clock, with Council in Committee of the Whole, on finance.

Mr. Steele in the chair.

Committee rose and the Warden took the chair.

The Warden presented report of Committee on Finance, which was read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Cruikshank,
That the report of Finance Committee just read be adopted.—Carried.

PAYMENT OF COMMITTEE TIME.

Moved by Mr. Sidey, seconded by Mr. Moore,
That the Warden issue his cheque on treasurer in favor of A. E. Taylor
for the sum of \$12.00, being for four days' work assisting Council in Industrial Home accounts.—Carried.

INDUSTRIAL HOME ACCOUNTS.

Moved by Mr. Pew, seconded by Mr. Moore,
That this Council do now go into Committee of the Whole to consider
the remainder of accounts for supplies in connection with the Industrial Home.

Pursuant to motion, Council went into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Brown in the chair.

Committee rose and reported the following report :

The Warden in the chair.

The Warden presented report of Committee of the Whole upon the
accounts of the House of Industry for 1895-6, which was read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Pew, seconded by Mr. Sidey,

That the report from the Committee of the Whole, *re* Industrial Home,
just read, be adopted.—Carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Mr. Sidey, seconded by Mr. Steele,

That this Council do now adjourn.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion, Council adjourned at 4 p. m.

(Sgd.) E. MORRIS,

Warden.



APPENDIX A.

BY-LAWS.

BY-LAW NO. 654.

A BY-LAW for the Appointment of High School Trustees.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient for the Municipality of the County of Welland to appoint High School Trustees for each of the High Schools within incorporated towns in said County, to fill the vacancies about to occur in the boards of the said towns ;

And whereas it is necessary and expedient for said municipality to appoint one High School Trustee for High Schools situated elsewhere than in incorporated towns, to fill the vacancies to occur in such boards :

Therefore be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, that for the High School situate in the Town of Welland, David McEwing shall be High School Trustee ; for the High School situate in the Town of Thorold, Wm. Williams ; and that for the High School situate in the Township of Stamford, F. A. Hutt ; and they shall be High School Trustees.

Passed in Council this twenty-seventh day of January, 1897.

(Sgd.)

ROBERT COOPER,

County Clerk.

(Sgd.)

EDWARD MORRIS,

Warden.

{ L. S. }

BY-LAW NO. 655.

WHEREAS it is expedient for this Council to appoint a Trustee for High School of the Town of Niagara Falls, by authority given in section 11, subsection 4, of the High School Act :

Therefore be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, that Alexander Logan of the Town of Niagara Falls shall be Trustee of the said High School.

Passed in Council this twenty-seventh day of January, 1897.

(Sgd.)

ROBERT COOPER,

County Clerk.

(Sgd.)

EDWARD MORRIS,

Warden.



BY-LAW NO. 656.

A BY-LAW for the Appointment of Board of Audit.

WHEREAS, in and by the Revised Statutes of Ontario, Cap. 85, Sec. 7, a Board of Audit is to be appointed for the purpose named therein, to be composed of the Judge, Junior Judge of the County Court, and two other persons who shall be appointed annually for that purpose by the County Council, or union of counties, at their first meeting in each year, and not more than one of such persons being a member for the time being of such Council ; and

Whereas it is necessary and expedient to give effect to such enactment, insofar as it relates to the County of Welland :

Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Corporation of the County of Welland, that Walter Upper and M. B. Misener be, and they are hereby, appointed members of the Board of Audit for the County of Welland for the current year ;

And be it further enacted, that the members of such Board shall be paid the sum of \$3.00 per day for their attendance at such audit, and five cents for each mile necessarily traveled in respect thereof in going to and returning from such audit.

Passed in Council this twenty-eighth day of January, 1897.

(Sgd.)

ROBERT COOPER,

County Clerk.

(Sgd.)

EDWARD MORRIS,

Warden.



BY-LAW NO. 657.

A BY-LAW for the Appointment of Auditors.

WHEREAS the Warden has appointed James P. Pegg as Auditor of the Treasurer's accounts on the part of the head of the Corporation, and this Council has appointed F. W. Casey as the other Auditor, and it is necessary to confirm such appointments :

Be it therefore enacted by the Corporation of the County of Welland, and it is hereby enacted, that James P. Pegg, being the nominee of the Warden, and F. W. Casey, being the nominee of this Council, be and they are hereby appointed Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts for the current year.

Passed in Council this twenty-eighth day of January, 1897.

(Sgd.)

ROBERT COOPER,

County Clerk.

(Sgd.)

E. MORRIS,

Warden.



BY-LAW NO. 658.

A BY-LAW to authorize the Warden and Treasurer of the County of Welland to Borrow Money.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient that authority be given the Warden and Treasurer of the County of Welland to borrow money for the use of the said County during the current year :

Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted, that the Warden and Treasurer be, and they are hereby, authorized to negotiate any loans necessary for the use of the County of Welland during the current year, from the Imperial Bank, Welland, and that the Treasurer be empowered to deposit and withdraw from the said loan without the signature of the Warden.

Passed in Council this twenty-eighth day of January, 1897.

(Sgd.)

ROBERT COOPER,

County Clerk.

(Sgd.)

E. MORRIS,

Warden.



APPENDIX B.

MEMORIALS.

RE CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER COMPANY.

TO THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO :

THE MEMORIAL of the Municipal Council of the County of Welland,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

WHEREAS an application for an extension of time in which to commence operations for the building of a certain Tunnel at Niagara Falls, Ontario, proposed to be constructed by the Canadian Niagara Power Company, who hold certain privileges, more fully set forth in an agreement with Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park Commissioners, has been made by the said company to the Local Legislature ;

And whereas this Council is of the opinion that such extension of time if granted, would be very detrimental to the interests of this County, as well as to the country at large, owing to the fact that said company holds exclusive privileges under the above mentioned agreement ;

And whereas the successful development of Electric Power in the manner proposed by said company is no longer an experiment, but a most complete commercial success on the American side of Niagara River, giving employment to a large number of hands, and profitable investment for vast sums of money ;

And whereas many corporations have expressed their desire for Electric Power for operating factories and for other purposes in this vicinity, were such power obtainable :

Therefore we, the County Council of the County of Welland, petition your honorable body to refuse to grant any extension of time to the said

company for the commencement of operations or the development of power ;

And your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dated at Welland this 27th day of January, 1897.

(Sgd.)

ROBERT COOPER,

County Clerk.

(Sgd.)

E. MORRIS,

Warden.



RE SELECTION OF JURORS.

TO THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO :

THE MEMORIAL of the Municipal Council of the County of Welland,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

THAT WHEREAS, in the opinion of your Memorialists, the Second Selection of Jurors is attended with much needless expense, owing to the manner in which the said selection is performed, it being usually deferred from time to time and prolonged for several days, the selectors being in session for a very short time each day and receiving a full day's pay.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that the Legislative Assembly for the Province of Ontario shall enact such amendments to the Jurors Act as may enable the selection to be made more speedily and with less expense to the public.

Passed in Council this 28th day of January, 1897.

(Sgd.)

ROBERT COOPER,

County Clerk.

(Sgd.)

E. MORRIS,

Warden.



RE MONEY COLLECTED FOR COUNTY PURPOSES.

TO THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO :

THE MEMORIAL of the Municipal Council of the County of Welland,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

WHEREAS, owing to the irregularity in which money collected for County purposes, by the various municipalities, is paid over to County Treasurer, the County is put to the unnecessary expense of borrowing largely from the banks in order to redeem their obligations, thereby compelling municipalities that have paid up promptly to pay interest on sums of money equal to the arrears of the other municipalities.

Therefore we, your Memorialists, humbly pray that your honorable body will so amend section 243 of the Consolidated Assessment Act of 1892, that all municipalities in arrears after the First day of January shall be compelled to pay interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum on such amount as may be in arrears on the last mentioned date, until paid.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Passed in Council this 30th day of January, 1897.

(Sgd.)

ROBERT COOPER,
Clerk.

(Sgd.)

E. MORRIS,
Warden.

**RE HIGH SCHOOLS ACT.**

TO THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO :

THE MEMORIAL of the Municipal Council of the County of Welland,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

THAT WHEREAS the Act respecting High Schools and Collegiate Institutes as amended in 1896, makes all pupils, whose parents or guardians reside in the County but not within the limits of such High School District where such pupils may be in attendance, County pupils ;

And whereas several Municipalities in this County have formed themselves into High School Districts, and have built and maintain such High

Schools as provided by law, at a very great expense to the ratepayers therein as well as to the County at large ;

Your Petitioners deem it a very great injustice to allow pupils to leave one High School District and attend another at the full expense of the already overburdened taxpayers of the County :

Therefore we, your Petitioners, humbly pray that your honorable body will so amend said High School Act that County pupils shall mean those whose parents or guardians reside in the County but outside of any High School District, save and except those pupils seeking firstclass certificates, and whose parents or guardians reside in the County.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Passed in Council this 30th day of January, 1897.

(Sgd.)

ROBERT COOPER,
Clerk.

(Sgd.)

E. MORRIS,
Warden.



RE GAME LAWS.

TO THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO :

THE PETITION of the Municipal Council of the County of Welland,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

THAT WHEREAS the Niagara River and Lake Erie are annually frequented by large numbers of the following varieties of Duck, which breed in Labrador and the Northern rivers of the Dominion of Canada, viz :—The Kaween, Sheldrake and Whistler ;

And whereas the said varieties of Duck do not arrive in the aforesaid river and lake until the breeding season is long past ;

And whereas the said varieties of Duck are not protected by the laws of the State of New York from the 1st of September to the 1st of May, and are freely shot within American waters in the said lake and river ;

And whereas the inconsistency of the Game Laws in the Province of Ontario and the State of New York operate greatly to the disadvantage of Canadian sportsmen in the vicinity of said lake and river :

Therefore your Petitioners humbly pray that the Game Laws of this Province may be amended in the said particulars to coincide with that in force in the State of New York.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Passed in Council this 30th day of January, 1897.

(Sgd.)

ROBERT COOPER,

Clerk.

(Sgd.)

E. MORRIS,

Warden.



RE ALIEN LABOR LAWS.

TO THE HONORABLE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS FOR CANADA :

THE MEMORIAL of the Municipal Council of the County of Welland,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

THAT WHEREAS the Congress of the United States have enacted a series of stringent Alien Labor Laws, which are being rigidly enforced to the exclusion of all residents of Canada, being British subjects, who will not immediately declare their intentions of becoming citizens of the United States, from any kind of employment in that country ;

And whereas your Petitioners are credibly informed that further and still more hostile legislation is under consideration by the Congress of the United States ;

And whereas American citizens residing in the United States are permitted, on the other hand, to enter Canada and compete freely in the Canadian labor market with British subjects, to the great injury of many residents of this country, who are thereby deprived of employment in their own country :

Your Petitioners therefore pray that the Honorable House of Commons for Canada may be pleased to enact such legislation, as nearly as possible in identical terms with that enacted in the United States, as may be necessary

to remedy the aforesaid grievances, and preserve, as far as can be accomplished by such means, employment in Canada for Canadian citizens.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Passed in Council this 30th day of January, 1897.

(Sgd.)

ROBERT COOPER,

County Clerk.

(Sgd.)

E. MORRIS,

Warden.

{ L. S. }

RE VICTORIA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

TO THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO :

THE MEMORIAL of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

THAT WHEREAS the maintenance of the boys committed to the Victoria Industrial School is becoming very burdensome to the various Counties of the Province, and whereas the cost of maintenance of such boys is very much in excess per capita of the maintenance of the inmates of the County Gaols :

Therefore your Memorialists would humbly pray that your honorable body would take into consideration the advisability of passing such legislation as will relieve the Counties of this great and growing financial burden, and place the Victoria Industrial School on a similar footing to the Ontario Reformatory for Boys, which is under the maintenance and control of the Government of the Province.

And your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Passed in Council this 30th day of January, 1897.

(Sgd.)

ROBERT COOPER,

Clerk.

(Sgd.)

E. MORRIS,

Warden.

{ L. S. }

**RE CROSSINGS AND DRAINAGE WORKS THROUGH RAIL-
WAY LANDS.**

TO THE HONORABLE THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA :

THE PETITION of the County Council of the County of Welland,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

THAT a great grievance, which vitally affects the well-being of the entire community, exists with reference to the rights of municipalities to construct or repair drainage works through railways. It is a well-known fact that it frequently costs more to construct a drain through or across a railway than it does to construct the whole balance of the drain, and it is also a grievance that municipalities are compelled to appeal to the Railway Committee of the Privy Council in case objection is made by the railway company to permitting the drain to cross the railway track.

Your Petitioners would therefore pray that railway companies, even those declared to be for the benefit of the Dominion, be placed on the same level with other proprietors of lands under the Drainage Act of Ontario, with due provisions to safeguard the interests of companies with reference to the obstruction of traffic, etc.

The public are also inconvenienced to a very great degree by the refusal or delay of railway companies to make crossings for highways and streets over railways, cases having occurred where municipalities after years of correspondence were informed by railway companies that road or street crossings would only be made on condition of the corporation of the municipality paying the entire expense of constructing the crossings and signing bonds becoming responsible for all losses or damage occurring at these crossings for all time to come.

Your Petitioners would therefore pray your honorable bodies to pass such legislation as would compel railway companies to make suitable crossings at their own expense, without undue delay, for all roads and streets crossing their respective railway tracks.

Your Petitioners would also remind your honorable bodies that very great difficulty exists in the way of farmers getting farm crossings. Cases have occurred where farmers whose lands were divided by railways only obtained crossings after years of waiting and on signing bonds of indemnity to the company, and in many cases crossings have been refused altogether.

Your Petitioners would therefore pray your honorable bodies to pass

legislation which will compel railway companies to provide suitable crossings in all cases where farm lands are divided by railways.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Passed in Council this 30th day of January, 1897.

(Sgd.)

ROBERT COOPER,

Clerk.

(Sgd.)

E. MORRIS,

Warden.



APPENDIX C.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO STRIKE THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

Your Committee to appoint the Standing Committees beg leave to report that the following Standing Committees be appointed :

On Roads and Bridges.—Wm. Brown, Marshville ; Robert Moore, Amigari ; E. Morden, Stamford.

On Jail.—S. J. Sidey, Welland ; J. Harrison Pew, Stamford ; H. Cronmiller, Port Colborne.

On Industrial Home.—E. Cruikshank, Fort Erie ; C. E. Steele, Port Colborne ; Walter Upper, Allanburgh.

On Finance.—Committee of the whole Council ; Charles E. Steele, Chairman.

On Printing.—Committee of the whole Council ; Egerton Morden, Chairman.

On Education.—Committee of the whole Council ; J. Harrison Pew, Chairman.

On Equalization.—Committee of the whole Council ; Henry Cronmiller, Chairman.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd.) E. MORDEN,
E. CRUIKSHANK,
WALTER UPPER,
C. E. STEELE.

(Sgd.) ROBT. MOORE,
H. CRONMILLER,
S. J. SIDEY,
J. HARRISON PEW,
E. MORRIS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Your Committee on Printing beg leave to report that they have received tenders for printing as follows :

W. T. SAWLE & Co.—200 copies of the minutes of each session, 60c. per page ; list of convictions, 50 copies per year, \$2 : all other printing to be done at regular rates.

J. J. SIDEY.—Printing minutes, per page, 35c. ; advertising and printing convictions, \$2 ; all other printing at regular rates.

We recommend that the tender of J. J. Sidey be accepted, it being understood that all printing ordered by a County official in the execution of the duties of his office shall be included therein.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, E. MORDEN,
W. UPPER,
C. E. STEELE,
ERNEST CRUIKSHANK,
H. CRONMILLER,
ROBT. MOORE,
S. J. SIDEY,
WM. BROWN,
J. HARRISON PEW,
E. MORRIS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Warden of the County of Welland :

SIR,—Your Standing Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report :

We have examined the Treasurer's statement and find the general financial condition of the County to be very slightly improved since last year at this date. We further recommend that a new personal bond be made by the Treasurer, and further that the Treasurer be required to cause all moneys received by him to pass through the bank account.

Your committee have examined the Treasurer's bonds from the Guarantee Co. and find them satisfactory.

Your committee would recommend the payment of the following certified accounts :

Jail, committee time, J. B. Gallinger.	\$ 7 20
Jail, committee time, A. Herbold.	6 80
Jail, committee time, Elias Egerter.	5 20
Port Colborne, election expenses.	17 00
Thorold Post, printing.	4 80
E. Cruikshank, book for division court.	8 54
Township of Humberstone, election expenses.	40 00
P. W. Anthony, telephoning.	35
House of Industry, committee time, A. E. Taylor.	18 00
House of Industry, committee time, A. Mann.	3 80
House of Industry, committee time, P. W. Anthony.	3 80
W. T. Sawle & Co., printing.	39 91
J. J. Sidey, printing.	16 11
Jno. W. Coulter, county nominating officer, District No. 5.	8 00
Chas. Henderson, " " " " " 4.	8 00
W. F. Schooley, " " " " " 3.	8 00
Samuel Porter, " " " " " 2.	8 00
James E. Jones, " " " " " 1.	8 00
General Committee, time and mileage, J. H. Pew.	7 00
General Committee, time and mileage, R. Cooper.	10 00
General Committee, time and mileage, A. E. Near.	4 00

Signed, C. E. STEELE, Chairman,
S. J. SIDEY,
E. CRUIKSHANK,
E. MORDEN,
W. UPPER,
" ROBT. MOORE,
H. CRONMILLER,
J. HARRISON PEW,
E. MORRIS,
WM. BROWN.

Dated January 30th, 1897.

FIRST REPORT JAIL COMMITTEE.

WELLAND, Jan. 29, 1897.

To the Warden and Council in Council Assembled :

GENTLEMEN,

Your Standing Committee met to-day. Present S. J. Sidey, Chairman; J. H. Pew and H. Cronmiller.

The chairman was instructed to see that the bonds of all contractors for supplies were duly made out and signed by names satisfactory to committee.

We find that the committee of 1896 has failed to make report to Council of the business done at their last two meetings, and we have caused a report of their meetings to be copied and attached hereto.

The account of M. Vanderburg for repairs, \$1, was ordered paid.

The chairman, in conjunction with the Jailer, was instructed to inspect the wood being delivered at the gaol, and if found satisfactory and according to contract that the chairman issue his order to pay for same at the rate of \$3.40 per cord, to Alexander Eastman, as per contract.

The committee is of the opinion that no room in the Court House should be used by any outside parties, associations or societies, except with permission of the County Clerk and Chairman of the Jail Committee, who shall also consult with the Sheriff; also that in every case Thomas Mains shall be required to be present during such meetings, see that the county property is not injured and that all lighted lamps are carefully extinguished, and he to collect \$1 for attendance at each meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, S. J. SIDEY, Chairman,
J. HARRISON PEW,
H. CRONMILLER.

Dated at Welland, Jan. 29th, 1897.

JAILER'S OFFICE, Dec. 17th, 1896.

The Jail Committee met to-day for the purpose of letting contracts for supplies for the year 1897, and for other business.

All the members present.

The following tenders were received for supplies :

Groceries.—S. H. Griffith and O'Neal & Hobin.

Beef.—W. F. Guest and W. J. Best.

Bread.—W. H. Crowther and W. H. Letcher.

Moved by Mr. Herbold, seconded by Mr. Egerter, that the tender of Mr. Griffith for groceries, the tender of Mr. Guest for beef, and the tender of Mr. Crowther for bread be accepted, their tenders being the lowest.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Herbold, seconded by Mr. Egerter, that Mr. Coulson be instructed to purchase a desk for his office.—Carried.

Signed, JOHN B. GALLINGER,
ALBERT HERBOLD,
ELIAS EGERTER.

JAILER'S OFFICE, Jan. 5th, 1897.

The Jail Committee met in this office to-day for the purpose of examining the various accounts for the past quarter and for general business.

The following accounts were examined and forwarded to the Board of Audit :

Central Prison, clothing and shoes	\$ 83 05
W. F. Guest, beef.....	37 38
O'Neal & Hobin, grocery supplies	52 72
Industrial Home, potatoes	56 00
J. H. Burgar, medicine	43 65
W. H. Crowther, bread	65 49
Brown Bros., liquors	2 00
Ross & Co., blankets, sheets, shirts, etc	52 87
J. H. Howell, salary and exams. C. P	27 00
J. H. Howell, exams. for Penitentiary	1 00
John Coulson, salary, gaoler	145 00
James A. Gilchriese, salary, turnkey.....	112 50
Thos. Mains, salary, turnkey	112 50
C. M. Gilchriese, salary, matron.....	50 00

And on motion of Messrs. Herbold and Egerter, the following certified accounts were passed and the chairman instructed to issue his order on the Warden in payment of same :

Bell Telephone Co., rent of 'phone and messages	\$ 6 85
O. H. Garner, books and mucilage	1 55
P. McMurray, material and work on smoke stack, and tinware.....	11 10
A. Lawrence, desk, Jailer's office	25 50
George Cronmiller, wire cot for jail.....	3 00
W. H. Crow, lumber	8 25
O'Neal & Hobin, sundries	18 45

Welland Town, rent of water	18 75
J. H. Crow, fire clay	50
Electric Light Co., rent of light and renewals	41 30
H. Weller, extracting teeth for prisoner	75
A. D. White, repairs, sundries	5 15

Signed, J. B. GALLINGER,
ALBERT HERBOLD,
ELIAS EGERTER.

SECOND REPORT OF JAIL COMMITTEE.

WELLAND, Jan. 29th, 1897.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

GENTLEMEN,—

Your Committee begs to report *re* roller shelving for Registry Office as follows :

That owing to the upright position of the large and expensive books in the Registry Office, and the heavy cost that will be entailed on this County for re-copying the same, if allowed to remain in said upright position, your Committee would recommend that this Council have your Committee procure an estimate of cost of having a portion of the said office fitted with roller shelving to protect and preserve said books, believing that it will be a move in the direction of economy, and report *re* same at June session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, S. J. SIDEY, Chairman,
J. HARRISON PEW,
H. CRONMILLER.

Dated at Welland, Jan. 27th, 1897.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON ACCOUNTS OF THE HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Welland :

Report of the Committee of the Whole upon the accounts of the House of Industry for 1895 and 1896 :

Your Committee of the Whole has occupied the greater part of two

days in making a minute examination of the accounts of the Industrial Home for the years 1895-6, and the result warrants your Committee in expressing the belief that the public interest will be materially benefited by the investigation.

Every member of the Council has been given an opportunity of ascertaining how the House of Industry has been managed, and we trust that the Committees for the years 1897 and 1898 may be enabled thereby to make radical changes in the direction of economy, in which the Council may support them in an intelligent and resolute manner.

Your Committee confidently believe that if the House of Industry is conducted on the lines suggested in Committee, that the cost of maintenance may be materially diminished.

We strenuously recommend that the pruning knife shall be applied in every department where it can be done without affecting the efficiency of the institution.

In your Committee's examination of the accounts for the year 1895, we regret to find that the actual amounts of expenditure under several heads considerably exceed the amounts stated in the chairman's report for that year.

Your Committee are unable to account for these discrepancies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WM. BROWN,
E. MORDEN,
C. E. STEELE,
S. J. SIDEY,
ROBT. MOORE,
E. CRUIKSHANK,
WALTER UPPER,
J. HARRISON PEW,
E. MORRIS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Welland, 30th Jan., 1897.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT—HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, COUNTY OF WELLAND,
WELLAND, Ont., Jan. 29th, 1897.

Edward Morris, Esq., Warden County of Welland :

DEAR SIR,—

Following is a statement in accordance with resolution of Council, re
yearly current expenditure of House of Industry :

For 1888	\$3,492 78
For 1889	5,523 13
For 1890	4,895 69
For 1891	4,032 88
For 1892	4,588 15
For 1893	3,454 00
For 1894	4,960 56
For 1895	4,274 16
For 1896...	4,985 91

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

Signed, GEO. L. HOBSON,
County Treasurer.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT OF HOUSE OF INDUSTRY FOR THE YEAR 1896.

Number of inmates in the Home on the first day of January, 1896,
was 48.

During the year 36 have been admitted, 13 have died, 22 discharged
and 5 absconded, leaving in institution on the last day of the year 31 males
and 14 females, or a total of 45.

As all the inmates, accounts of admittance, discharged, etc., were so
fully given in the December session, I do not think it necessary for me to
repeat them, but simply give the total number of days board for the year :

Inmates	16,608	
Keeper's family and hired help	2,196	18,804
Number of dinners to prisoners	574	287
Making a total of days' board		19,091
Average number of inmates for the year, 52.		

Total expenditure under the different headings are as follows :

Agricultural implements and repairs thereto	\$ 102 82
Boots and shoes	40 20
Committee pay.....	121 00
Drugs, medicines and liquors	168 05
Dry goods	240 23
Fuel—coal	452 92
Fuel—wood	75 00
Furniture and repairs	2 50
Hardware, paints, oils and tinwork	258 00
Ice	48 02
Insurance	31 66
Incidentals	51 79
Labor, including salaries of hired man and girl.....	482 60
Live stock	495 25
Lumber	148 47
Manure and ashes.....	81 55
Mill feed, oats and seeds	1 68
Hay, pasture, etc.....	223 41
Printing and stationery.....	50 57
Provisions—bread	301 28
Provisions—groceries	672 76
Provisions—meat	305 78
Repairs—blacksmith	39 31
Repairs—harnessmaker	53 42
New building and repairs.....	205 27
Repairs—waterworks	2 90
Salaries.....	600 00
Seeds, including \$15 for nitrate of soda	55 39
Seed—grain and potatoes	28 59
Straw	150 41
Telegraphing	62
Telephone	36 70
Trees, shrubs and plants	1 50
Veterinary	6 50
Carried forward	\$5862 15

Brought forward	\$5862 15
Water supply	90 00
Agricultural furnace	29 00
Range	54 00
Sewerage and drainage	761 18
Scales	22 00
	\$6818 33

RECEIPTS.

Cash paid Treasurer for pensions	\$ 114 37
Cash paid Treasurer for farm products	286 67
Cash paid Treasurer for stock	412 95
Board for Cook Broughton	45 00
Niagara Falls account	300 00
Cash—Morris, Stone & Wellington, for furnace	25 00
Products supplied the jail	138 25
Amount due for pork sold	164 00
	\$1486 24

I have endeavored to give a plain statement of the expenditure and receipts for the Home for the year 1896.

I refrain from striking a balance between receipts and expenditures, as there apparently is a great difference of opinion as to how this balance should be arrived at.

The following is a list of the items that are usually deducted from the general expenditure before striking the weekly average :

Actual receipts in cash	\$1486 24
New building and repairs	205 27
Agricultural furnace	29 00
Range	54 00
Sewerage and drainage	761 18
Scales	22 00
	\$2557 69

Your honorable body will notice the error in the Home Committee's report of December, 1896. The average per week should be \$1.59 instead of \$1.72, as reported.

You will also bear in mind that a considerable amount of liabilities incurred by the Committee of 1895 had to be accounted for by the Committee of 1896, which helped to make the weekly average higher.

Thanking the County officials for the courtesy extended,

I am respectfully,

A. E. TAYLOR,

Inspector of Industrial Home.

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENTS.

Statement showing receipts and expenditures of the County of Welland for the year 1896 :

1896.		Receipts.	Expenditures.
Jan. 1	Cash on hand	\$ 54 96	\$
	Amount due Imperial Bank		7262 34
	Court House and offices, furniture account.		44 00
	House of Industry, capital account		67 50
	Debentures		1599 00
	Division Court jury fund	34 97	54 00
	Jury expense	7 50	1270 70
	Salaries		1420 00
	Interest		819 92
	Special grants		520 00
	Niagara Falls Town	1699 68	
	Division Court offices		2 95
	Contingent		79 75
	Fuel		517 90
	Municipal Government		1496 10
	Law expenses		8 00
	Surrogate office		26 00
	Electric lighting		151 55
	Jailer and Turnkey's residences		21 75
	Registry offices	1077 07	328 45
	High schools		3529 01
	Court House and Jail, running account	50 00	803 81
	House of Industry	906 49	6658 84
	Carried forward	\$3830 67	\$26691 57

	Brought forward.....	\$3830 67	\$26691 57
Jan. 1	Board of Education	252 00	1624 96
	Printing		249 46
	Office expenses		94 80
	Administration of justice	3165 65	9055 24
	Insurance		97 50
	Roads and bridges	14 50	378 12
	Public schools	2082 00	2082 00
	Licenses	201 50	
	Fines	1 00	
	Lundy's Lane Historical Society	68 20	68 20
	Assessment account, 1895	12025 82	
	Assessment account, 1896	11316 44	
	Non-resident taxes	589 28	589 28
Dec. 31	Cash on hand		190 84
	Amount due Imperial Bank	7564 91	
		\$41,111 97	\$41,111 97

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
County of Welland,
Jan. 26th, 1897.

Signed, GEO. L. HOBSON,
County Treasurer.

Statement showing receipts and expenditures of the County of Welland
from January 1st to January 25th, 1897—inclusive :

1897.		Receipts.	Expenditures.
Jan. 1	Cash on hand	\$ 190 84	
	Amount due Imperial Bank		\$ 7564 91
	Division court jury fund	21 87	
	Jury expense		4 00
	Contingent		75
	Electric lighting		41 30
	Jailer's and Turnkey's residences		4 50
	Registry office	617 02	
	Court House and Jail		69 14
	House of Industry	95 10	815 43
	Board of Education		110 00
	Carried forward	\$ 924 83	\$ 8610 03

	Brought forward.....	\$ 924 83	\$ 8610 c3
Jan. 1	Licenses.....	61 00	
	Administration of Justice	598 00	1948 14
	Non-resident taxes	23 00	
	County assessment account, 1896.....	6386 78	
	Cash on hand		
	Amount due Imperial Bank	2719 39	154 83

\$10713 00 \$10713 00

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
County of Welland,
Jan. 26th, 1897.

Signed, GEO. L. HOBSON,
County Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET.

COUNTY OF WELLAND, Dec. 31st, 1896.

1896.

		<i>Assets.</i>	<i>Liabilities.</i>
Dec. 31	Court House and Jail.....	\$ 67870 39	
	Registry Office.....	8631 67	
	Furniture, Jail.....	1017 60	
	Furniture, Court House.....	1253 00	
	Furniture, Registry Office	125 75	
	Industrial Home ..	29471 62	
	Insurance unexpired	248 82	
	Assessment acct., 1896, bal. due.....	12407 31	
	Cash on hand.....	190 84	
	Debentures		\$ 52 91
	Imperial Bank, overdraft		7564 91
Jan. 1	Capital account	\$106463 19	
Dec. 31	Less expenditures over receipts	10509 41	
		\$ 95953 78	
	Assessment acct., '896—Bal.	12407 31	
			108361 09

\$121,217 00 \$121,217 00

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
County of Welland,
Jan. 26th, 1897.

Signed, GEO. L. HOBSON,
County Treasurer.

ARREARS OF COUNTY RATE.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, COUNTY OF WELLAND,
WELLAND, Ont., Jan. 26, 1897.

E. Morris, Esq., Warden County Welland :

DEAR SIR,—

The undermentioned municipalities are in arrears *re* county assessment, 1896, as follows :

Bertie	\$ 361 34
Crowland	92 00
Humberstone	841 16
Pelham	1145 25
Thorold	1467 81
Wainfleet	2082 97
Total	\$6020 53

Yours truly,

Signed, GEO. L. HOBSC.,
County Treasurer.

COUNTY SCHOOL INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

COUNTY SCHOOL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
WELLAND, Ont., Jan. 27th, 1897.

COUNTY SCHOOL INSPECTOR'S REPORT OF THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS FOR THE
YEAR 1896.

To E. Morris, Esq., Warden of the County of Welland :

SIR,—I have the honor to submit the following report of the number of schools under my jurisdiction for the year 1896 :

Number of schools and departments in rural sections	86
Number of schools and departments in towns and incorporated villages...	23
County model schools	1

Total

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

Signed, JAS. H. BALI,
County Inspector.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF NIAGARA FALLS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1st, 1896	\$ 439 22
Received from public school board, for desks.....	\$ 150 00
County, grant for 1895	551 62
Government, 2nd half of 1895, 1st 1896	1060 13
Departmental exam. fees.....	180 00
Apparatus broken by pupil	40
Town, refund of bank interest, 1895	2 90
Town, appropriation for 1896	5000 00
	\$6945 05
	\$7384 27

EXPENDITURE.

Paid salaries of 5 teachers	\$4800.00
Salaries of janitor, sec'y and treas.....	575.00
	\$5375 00
Paid account building site, repairs, insurance, etc.	795 27
Library	295 00
Maps, apparatus, &c.....	178 26
Fuel and lighting	362 17
Supplies and sundries	332 49
	\$7338 19
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1896 (all cheques being paid).	46 08
	\$7384 27

E. O. E.

JAMES QUILLINAN,
Secretary.

Examined and found correct.

WM. THOMSON, }
J. W. L. VIDSON, } Auditors.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1896.

<i>1896.</i>		<i>To Whom Paid, and Consideration.</i>	<i>Cap. Acct. Equipment, etc.</i>	<i>Mainten- ance Account.</i>
Jan.	1	The Neostyle Duplicator Co., supplies		\$ 2 09
	1	Cole & McMurray, tinsmiths, repairs		7 72
	1	James Quillinan, sec., post cards and postage		3 75
	1	James Harriman, lumber		57
	1	P. M. Buckley, telephone service		10 00
Feb'y	4	J. D. Dickson, head master, Jan. salary		120 00
	4	Miss Fitzgerald, classical master, Jan. salary		105 00
	4	D. M. Walker, commercial master, Jan. salary		100 00
	4	P. W. Currie, science master, Jan. salary		80 00
	4	Miss Fleming, mod. lang's master, Jan. salary		75 00
	4	Wm. Morwick, janitor, Jan. salary		41 67
	4	Wm. Nelson, cartage, &c., on supplies		2 10
	4	James Proctor, ½ doz. brooms		1 70
	6	Thos. W. Gleeson, Beeton, wheatstone bridge \$ 40 00		
	6	John Logan, packing cases		1 25
	6	Lyman, Sons & Co., Montreal, supplies, laboratory		1 33
	6	The Canadian Office and School Furniture Co., desks	67 20	
	6	Mrs. S. K. Binkley, supplies		2 60
	6	J. A. Wills, expressage		50
	6	The Map and School Supply Co., app. for laboratory	72 88	
	6	Jas. Quillinan, expense committee to county council		10 00
Mar.	4	J. D. Dickson, teacher, Feb. salary		120 00
	4	Miss Fitzgerald, teacher, Feb. salary		105 00
	4	D. M. Walker, teacher, Feb. salary		100 00
	4	P. W. Currie, teacher, Feb. salary		80 00
	4	Miss Fleming, teacher, Feb. salary		75 00
	4	Wm. Morwick, janitor, Feb. salary		41 67
	4	John Robinson, town clerk, water rates, 1st quarter		9 00
Carried forward			\$ 180 08	\$1095 95

		Brought forward	\$ 180 08	\$1095 95
Mar.	4	P. M. Buckley, telephone, extra service		60
	4	Histrop & Thomas, coal		21 80
	4	Richard Coulson, coal		23 51
	4	Electric Light & Power Co., lighting		6 00
	4	C. W. Cline, blacksmith, repairs gymnasium		2 00
	4	Wm. Morwick, laundry		1 00
	4	John E. Moye, ink		1 00
April	2	J. D. Dickson, teacher, March salary		120 00
	2	Miss Fitzgerald, teacher, March salary		105 00
	2	D. M. Walker, teacher, March salary		100 00
	2	P. W. Currie, teacher, March salary		80 00
	2	Miss Fleming, teacher, March salary		75 00
	2	Wm. Morwick, janitor, March salary		41 67
	2	Jas. Quillinan, sec'y, 1st quarter's salary		6 25
	2	John R. Peckham, treas., 1st quarter's salary		12 50
	8	Richard Coulson, coal		39 85
	8	E. J. Smith, blacksmith, repairs		50
	8	Waugh & Robertson, lumber		3 20
	8	John Wilson, ink		86
	8	Ellis Publishing Co., blanks		4 84
	8	George Phemister, telegrams		77
	8	Alexander Fraser, cartage, (pd.)		1 66
	8	James P. Taylor, Lindsay, history chart		1 25
	8	W. H. Buckley, stationery and supplies		5 25
	8	Vannevar & Co., library	295 00	
May	5	J. D. Dickson, teacher, April salary		120 00
	5	Miss Fitzgerald, teacher, April salary		105 00
	5	D. M. Walker, teacher, April salary		100 00
	5	P. W. Currie, teacher, April salary		80 00
	5	Miss Fleming, teacher, April salary		75 00
	5	Wm. Morwick, janitor, April salary		41 67
	5	E. C. Mears, druggist, chemical supplies		20 74
	5	Histrop & Thomas, coal		24 89
	5	Wm. Morwick, laundry		1 00
	5	G. W. Cliffe, planting shrubs		3 75
		Carried forward	\$ 475 08	\$2322 51

		Brought forward.....	\$ 475 08	\$2322 51
June	2	J. D. Dickson, teacher, May salary		120 00
	2	Miss Fitzgerald, teacher, May salary		105 00
	2	D. M. Walker, teacher, May salary		100 00
	2	P. W. Currie, teacher, May salary		80 00
	2	Miss Fleming, teacher, May salary		75 00
	2	Wm. Morwick, janitor, May salary		41 67
	19	J. H. Crandell, removing sewage		3 75
July	2	J. D. Dickson, teacher, June salary		120 00
	2	Miss Fitzgerald, teacher, June salary		105 00
	2	D. M. Walker, teacher, June salary		100 00
	2	P. W. Currie, teacher, June salary		80 00
	2	Miss Fleming, teacher, June salary		75 00
	2	Wm. Morwick, janitor, June salary		41 67
	2	John W. Nicholls, book cases, &c	102 95	
	2	Prof. E. C. Jeffries, photo micrographs	15 00	
	2	J. D. Dickson, postage, &c		2 10
	2	Neostyle Duplicator Co., supplies		4 00
	7	P. M. Buckley, telephone service		10 00
	7	E. Morden, shrubs		22 90
	7	Jas. O'ullinan, sec'y, 2nd quarter's salary		6 25
	7	John R. Peckham, treas., 2nd quarter's salary		12 50
	7	Wm. Morwick, ink and laundry		2 13
	7	John Robinson, water rate, 2d & 3d quarters		18 00
	7	Thomas Ward & Co., carpets		10 31
	7	W. H. Buckley, supplies		31 32
Aug.	4	Wm. Morwick, janitor, July salary		41 67
	4	John Blair, repairs on chimney	100 00	
	4	Anna Butters, dept. exams		36 00
	4	L. F. Harrop, dept. exams		54 03
	4	J. T. Henderson, tinsmith, repairs, &c		9 37
	4	Richard Coulson, coal		12 23
	31	R. Coulson, \$7500 insurance, prem. 3 years		52 50
	31	Wm. Morwick, Janitor, August salary		41 67
Sept.	1	Jas. Quillinan, sec'y, salary, 3rd quarter		6 25
	3	John Green, chopping wood		6 52
		Carried forward	\$ 593 03	\$3849 35

		Brought forward	\$ 593 03	\$3849 35
Sept.	3	W. E. Thomas, coal		224 61
	8	W. H. Day, re-painting roof		67 00
	16	John R. Peckham, insurance, prem. on \$7500		52 50
	16	John R. Peckham, treas., salary, 3rd quarter		12 50
	16	J. T. Henderson, repairs and supplies		17 76
	16	Cole & McMurray, repairs and supplies		1 94
	16	Wm. Nelson, cartage		40
	16	J. D. Dickson, dept. exams		50 50
Oct.	1	J. D. Dickson, teacher, Sept. salary	120 00	
	1	Miss Fitzgerald, teacher, Sept. salary	105 00	
	1	D. M. Walker, teacher, Sept. salary	100 00	
	1	P. W. Currie, teacher, Sept. salary	80 00	
	1	Miss Fleming, teacher, Sept. salary	75 00	
	1	Wm. Morwick, janitor, Sept. salary	41 66	
	9	John Robinson, water rates, 4th quarter	9 00	
	9	The Map & School Supply Co., app. for laboratory	47 80	
	9	James Proctor, coil	1 00	
	9	Cole & McMurray, supplies	3 45	
	9	Wm. Morwick, laundry, &c	2 10	
	9	John Green, chopping wood	2 76	
	31	J. D. Dickson, teacher, Oct. salary	120 00	
	31	Miss Fitzgerald, teacher, Oct. salary	105 00	
	31	D. M. Walker, teacher, Oct. salary	100 00	
	31	P. W. Currie, teacher, Oct. salary	80 00	
	31	Miss Fleming, teacher, Oct. salary	75 00	
	31	Wm. Morwick, janitor, Oct. salary	41 66	
Dec.	1	J. D. Dickson, teacher, Nov. salary	120 00	
	1	Miss Fitzgerald, teacher, Nov. salary	105 00	
	1	D. M. Walker, teacher, Nov. salary	100 00	
	1	P. W. Currie, teacher, Nov. salary	80 00	
	1	Miss Fleming, teacher, Nov. salary	75 00	
	1	Wm. Morwick, janitor, Nov. salary	41 66	
	1	James Quillinan, sec'y, salary, 4th quarter. .	6 25	
	1	John R. Peckham, treas., salary, 4th quarter. .	12 50	
		Carried forward	\$ 593 03	\$5926 50

	Brought forward.....	\$ 593 03	\$5926 50
Dec. 1	Wm. Buchanan, flooring gymnasium		144 50
1	Wm. Buchanan, sidewalk		50 83
3	Electric Light & Power Co., transformer	72 36	
3	Waugh & Robertson, plank.		1 96
3	Neostyle Duplicator Co., supplies.....		2 80
3	P. M. Buckley, telephone service.....		10 00
3	Wm. Morwick, supplies and laundry.....		4 30
3	E. C. Mears, chemical supplies.....		10 25
3	J. D. Dickson, teacher, Dec. salary		120 00
3	Miss Fitzgerald, teacher, Dec. salary		105 00
3	D. M. Walker, teacher, Dec. salary		100 00
3	P. W. Currie, teacher, Dec. salary		80 00
3	Miss Fleming, teacher, Dec. salary.....		75 00
3	Wm. Morwick, janitor, Dec. salary.....		41 66

Totals.	\$ 665 39	\$6672 80
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Aggregate expenditure in 1896.....	\$7338 19
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Gross expenditure on maintenance.....	\$6672 80
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Less government grant in 1896.....	1060 13
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Net cost for maintenance in 1896.....	\$5612 67
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Average cost each for 134½ pupils	\$ 41 73
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Cost of 40¼ county pupils, at \$41.73 each.....	1679 63
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Examined and found correct.

J. W. DAVIDSON, }
W. THOMSON, } Auditors.

**Summary of Cost for Maintenance, and of Attendance of Pupils,
For the years 1894, 1895 and 1896.**

1894.

Cost of maintenance, as per audited statement filed
with county council\$5311 15
Deduct government grant received in 1894..... 516 58

Net cost for maintenance in 1894\$4794 93

(C. $8\frac{3}{4}$ —441.60.) Cost per pupil for a total average for
the year of 95 pupils\$ 50 47

(S. $7\frac{1}{4}$ —365.90.) Cost for average of 16 Co. pupils, at. 50 47 \$ 807 52

1895.

Total cost for maintenance, as per audited statement
filed with county council.....\$6075 45
Deduct government grant for the year..... 1044 60

Net cost for maintenance in 1895\$5030 85

(C. $12\frac{1}{2}$ —551.62.) Cost each, for a total average of
114 pupils.....\$ 44 13

(S. $15\frac{1}{4}$ —672.98.) Cost for average of $27\frac{3}{4}$ county
pupils, at..... 44 13 1224 61

1896.

Total cost for maintenance, as per statement attached
hereto.....\$6672 80
Deduct government grant in 1896..... 1060 13

Net cost for maintenance.....\$5612 67

Cost each for a total average of $134\frac{1}{2}$\$ 41 73

Cost for average of $40\frac{1}{4}$ county pupils, at..... 41 73 1679 63

Total cost for county pupils for the years 1894-5-6.... 3711 76

Average cost for three years\$1237 25

NAMES AND ATTENDANCE OF PUPILS FOR 1898.

<i>Town Pupils.</i>	<i>Attendance.</i>	<i>Town Pupils.</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
FORM I. Div. B.		Div. A.	
Mullen, Minnie.....	94	Price, Jessie.....	150
McGrail, Minnie	40	Pier, Nancy.....	142
Smith, Carrie	142	Strange, Nettie	149
Sutherland, Jessie.....	155	Williamson, Ada.....	190
Smith, Eva	188	Wills, Louise.....	74
Schram, Laura	191	Div. B.	
Short, Ethel	76	Burns, Charles	113
FORM II.		Burns, Norman	184
Booth, George	114	Burgar, Ollie	180
Coulson, Byard.....	110	Cole, Burt	26
Eldridge, Claude.....	175	Conquest, Rex.....	99
Gardner, Carl	62	Ellis, John	27
Green, Ernest	176	Emes, John.....	167
Hobson, Harry.....	143	Harriman, John	82
McDougal, John.....	143	Lovell, Frank	92
Stephens, Frank	118	McCarney, Charles.....	158
Booth, Maud	127	Purdon, Mark.....	11
Carter, Mattie	185	Preston, Allen.....	189
Durdan, Mabel	191	Pattison, Albert	169
Darker, Mabel.....	192	Seales, Frank.....	24
Kick, Mamie	168	Warren, Charles	187
Logan, Jessie	190	Stockwell, Rupert	69
Logan, Bessie	129	Strange, Wesley	185
Lovell, Annie	99	Asling, Ethel.....	185
Quillinan, May	182	Allen, Hope.....	61
Robertson, Tena	91	Broughton, Fannie	45
Rhynd, Bessie	192	Burns, Mabel	105
Rhynd, Bella	172	Brown, Louise.....	80
Sills, May	84	Byers, Maggie.....	193
Stephens, Edith	194	Coulson, Minnie.....	103
Thompson, Hattie	186	House, Gertie	159
		Quillinan, Nellie.....	102
		Moll, Millicent	196

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County Pupils. *Place of Residence.* *Days Attendance.*

FORM IV.

Birdsall, John	Stamford Township	127
Learn, George	Bertie Township	193
Marshall, Elmo	Niagara Falls Village	173
McGuire, Joseph	Thorold Township	196
Schooley, Roy	Welland	184
Smith, Clarence	Stamford	115
Stanley, Norman	Port Colborne	191
Brown, Grace	Niagara Falls Village	41
DeLaMatter, Cornelia	Pelham Township	181
McCain, Minnie	Port Colborne	120
McFarlane, Edna	Niagara Falls South	100
Smith, Grace	Stamford	109
Spence, Carlotta	Niagara Falls Village	76
Woodworth, Jean	Welland	105

FORM III.

Clark, Avery	Thorold Township	109
Fraser, Stanley	Thorold	190
Jackson, Clio	Bertie Township	76
Shaw, George	Stamford Township	111
Soule, John	Stamford Township	76
Morden, Frankie	Stamford Township	176
Blundy, May	Willoughby Township	168
Shaw, Annie	Stamford	169
Sherk, Mabel	Humberstone Township	53
Teal, Maggie	Bertie Township	108

FORM II.

Collard, John	Stamford	79
Gonder, Willoughby	Willoughby Township	54
Gonder, Maurice	Willoughby Township	54
Johnson, Seymour	Bertie Township	120
King, George	Willoughby Township	188
Ross, Hugh	Thorold Township	70
Stanley, Freeman	Port Colborne	77
Shaw, Robert	Stamford	164
Young, Harold	Bertie Township	68

County Pupils. *Place of Residence.* *Days Attendance.*

FORM II.—Continued.

Brecken, Margaret	Willoughby Township	112
Collard, Ethel	Stamford	135
Eckardt, Gertie	Pelham Township	112
Eckardt, Jessie	Pelham Township	164
Gray, Florence	Stamford	166
Hall, Bella	Chippawa	98
Kottmeir, Maggie	Crowland Township	190
Misener, Grace	Niagara Falls Village	175
Stirtzinger, Mabel	Pelham Township	141
Zimmerman, Nettie	Bertie Township	54

FORM I. B.

Herbert, Carl	Chippawa	191
Mitchell, John	Stamford	20
Mitchell, Robert	Stamford	48
Misener, Frank	Niagara Falls Village	69
Pew, Harry	Stamford	164
Tierney, James	Chippawa	190
Dawson, Maggie	Stamford	185
Eckardt, Maud	Pelham Township	152
Eckardt, Eva	Pelham Township	67
Elliott, Bonnie	Port Robinson	68
Gonder, Margaret	Stamford Township	41
Hazlett, Millie	Willoughby Township	186
Henderson, Maggie	Stamford Township	187
Hopkins, Ella	Stamford	181

FORM I. A.

Aldous, Charles	Chippawa	132
Brown, Donald	Stamford Township	105
Mitchell, William	Stamford	52
Wilhelm, Warren	Humberstone Township	56
Crompton, Ralph	Stamford Township	67
DeLaMatter, Ira	Pelham Township	64
DeLaMatter, Guy	Pelham Township	64
Hogg, Thomas	Willoughby Township	77
Misner, Ray	Niagara Falls Village	73

County Pupils. Place of Residence. Days Attendance.

FORM I. A.—Continued.

Brown, Winifred	Chippawa	52
Pierce, Jessie	Chippawa	73

Total days' attendance of County Pupils..... 7,932

Average daily attendance of County Pupils (197 teaching days). 40 $\frac{1}{4}$

Pupils Resident Outside the County. Place of Residence. Attendance.

FORM I. DIV. A.

Armstrong, Wallace	Lincoln County.....	60
Dett, Robert	Niagara Falls, N. Y.....	181
Gadsby, John	Lincoln County.....	60
Lowery, Robert	Lincoln County.....	172
Woodruff, William	Lincoln County.....	75
Balfour, Margaret	Amherstburg, Essex County	52
Balfour, Jessie.....	Amherstburg, Essex County	52
Durham, Laura	Lincoln County.....	72
Smeaton, Bell.....	Lincoln County.....	74

Div. B.

Dett, Sam	Niagara Falls, N. Y	181
Johnson, William	Lincoln County	57
Mauson, Allen	Glencoe, Middlesex County.....	76
Fairlie, Hannah	Lansdowne, Leeds County.....	73

FORM II.

Flood, Lindsay	Lindsay, Victoria County.....	53
Gillespie, Tena.....	Alvinston, Lambton County.....	112
Gibson, Edith	Wroxeter, Huron County.....	77

FORM III.

Dunlop, Rolston.....	Fordwick, Huron County.....	119
McCausland, M.....	Tara, Grey County.....	190
Roy, E. G.	Niagara Falls, N. Y....	110
Beatty, Etta	Parry Sound	107
Goring, Florence	Queenston.....	62
Madden, Pearl	Toronto, York Co	113
Read, Lillian	Lincoln Co.....	20

Pupils Resident Outside the County. Place of Residence. Attendance.

FORM IV.

Smeaton, James	Niagara Twp, Lincoln Co.	47
Lymburner, Eva	Canfield, Haldimand County.	118
McDonald, Edith	Lindsay, Victoria County	113
McNaughton, Eliza	Cornwall, Stormont County	117
Armstrong, Bella	Queenston	184
Sharp, Roda	Burlington, Halton County	64
Small, Lottie	Mount Forest, Wellington County	173
Williamson, Laura	Parry Sound	76

Total days attendance of pupils from other counties, or outside pupils.	3040
Average daily attendance of pupils from other counties, or outside pupils, (net)	15½

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR.

Aggregate days attendance of town pupils	15,517
Aggregate days attendance of county pupils	7,932
Aggregate days attendance of outside pupils	3,040
Total aggregate days attendance of all pupils	26,489
Total daily average attendance of all pupils	197
Total daily average of county pupils	40¼
Total daily average of outside pupils	15½
Total daily average of town pupils	78¾

Amount of Legislative grant received in 1896 \$1060 13

Certified correct.

JOHN CRAWFORD,
Chairman Board Trustees.

APPENDIX D.

COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE PRISONERS' AID ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

To the Warden of the County :

DEAR SIR,—

On behalf of the Prisoners' Aid Association of Canada, we desire respectfully to call your attention to the following recommendations which we are asking the County Councils of the Province to consider, so far as they are applicable to each County :

1.—The desirability of having a House of Industry, or Industrial Home or Refuge, established in every County or group of adjoining Counties in the Province.

2.—The County Jail so constructed and so managed that first offenders and persons awaiting trial shall be kept altogether apart from old offenders, and if at all possible separate from each other as well.

3.—The jail supplied with suitable books and other reading matter for the use of prisoners.

4.—The prisoners supplied with proper industrial employment every working day, so that there may be no idleness either in the jail or jail yard.

5.—A small sum of money placed at the disposal of the jailer or some society for giving a helping hand to discharged prisoners.

6.—That members of the Jail Committee and the Industrial Home Committee should be appointed for not less than two years.

7.—That an annual grant be made to the Prisoners' Aid Association to promote prison reform and to aid prisoners discharged from the Central Prison and the Reformatory for Women.

These principles have been repeatedly endorsed by both the Provincial and the Dominion W. C. T. U., and by the weekly religious press, as well as by nearly all the churches of Canada.

Signed, S. H. BLAKE,

President.

A. M. ROSEBRUGH,

Secretary.

TORONTO, Jan. 20th, 1897.

FROM W. M. GERMAN, M. P. P.

WELLAND, Ont., Jan. 19th, 1897.

Robert Cooper, Esq., County Clerk, Welland:

DEAR SIR,—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of copy of memorial and resolution of the County Council of the County of Welland regarding county pupils, and amendment to the Hawkers' and Pedlers' Act, each of which will receive prompt attention by me on the assembling of the Legislature at its approaching session.

Yours truly,

Signed, WM. GERMAN.

RESIGNATION OF THOMAS M'BRIDE AS HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

THOROLD, Ont., Dec. 26th, 1896.

To Robert Cooper, Esq., Clerk of the County Council, Welland County, Welland:

DEAR SIR,—

I hereby beg leave to tender my resignation as a member of the Thorold High School Board.

Yours respectfully,

Signed, THOS. C. M'BRIDE.

APPLICATION OF MONCK FARMERS' INSTITUTE FOR A GRANT

WELLANDPORT, Jan. 26th, 1897.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Welland:

GENTLEMEN,—

I have been instructed by the Monck Farmers' Institute to petition the County Council of the County of Welland for the usual grant of \$10 to assist the Institute in carrying on its business.

Hoping you will favorably consider the application,

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

Signed, J. E. COHOE,

Sec.-Treas. Monck County Farmers' Institute.

FROM WM. McCLEARY, M. P.

THOROLD, Ont., Dec. 12th, 1896.

DEAR SIR,—

I have yours, with petition *re* a change in the law regarding railway companies' liability for fire, enclosed

I will with pleasure perform the duty entrusted to me by the County Council, and present the same to the House of Commons at first opportunity.

Faithfully yours,

Signed, WM. McCLEARY.

Robert Cooper, Esq., County Clerk, Welland.

APPLICATION OF WELLAND COUNTY FARMERS' INSTITUTE
FOR A GRANT.

January, 27th, 1897.

According to the requirements of the Act regulating Farmers' Institutes, we apply for the statutory grant of twenty-five dollars for the present year.

We are holding four meetings in February, and these with two meetings in January give us one meeting in each township in the Electoral District.

Signed, E. MORDEN,

Sec.-Treas. of Welland County Farmers' Institute.

W. H. GAINER, *President.*

FROM J. H. BALL, *RE* TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

COUNTY SCHOOL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,

WELLAND, Ont., Jan. 27th, 1897.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that the Minister of Education has paid the County of Welland Teachers' Institute the sum of twenty-five dollars for the year 1896, and I would beg leave hereby to make application for the County's equivalent as provided by statute.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

Signed, JAS. H. BALL, County Inspector,

Treasurer County Welland Teachers' Institute.

Robert Cooper, Esq., County Clerk, Welland.

FROM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, *RE* PROMOTION EXAMINATION.

THOROLD, Jan. 28th, 1897.

To the Honorable Members of Welland County Council:

GENTLEMEN,

The following motion was submitted to the Teachers of our County at their last convention, held in Thorold on Oct. 29th and 30th, 1896 :

Moved by Mr. Clipperton, seconded by Mr. Hansel, that the Teachers of Welland County in convention assembled do request the county council to grant the money necessary to provide for a uniform promotion examination.

We deeply regret the action of the council in refusing the grant last year, and here express our unanimous desire that grant be allowed as in former years.

Carried unanimously

We trust that your honorable body will see the matter in the same light as the Teachers. Grant this request and your petitioners will ever pray.

On behalf of Teachers of Welland County Association.

Signed, W. H. CLIPPERTON,
Secretary of Association.

FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, *RE* HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ONTARIO,
TORONTO, 13th Jan., 1897.

No. 324, p. 3. 613.

DEAR SIR,—

I am directed by the Minister of Education to state in reply to your letter of the 11th instant that section 2 (5) of the High School Act shows that the pupils referred to are County pupils.

Your obedient servant,

Signed, JOHN MILLAR,
Deputy Minister.

S. J. Sidey, Esq., Welland.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ONTARIO,

TORONTO, 20th Jan., 1897.

No. 513, p. 3. 960.

DEAR SIR,

I am directed by the Minister of Education to state in reply to your letter of the 18th instant, that section 2 (5) which reads, "but not within the limits of such High School district," governs. By referring to the former Act you will see the changes. It appears the necessary correction of 2 (7) was not made at the time by leaving out "or (b) pupils, etc."

Yours obedient servant,

Signed, JOHN MILLAR,

*Deputy Minister.**S. J. Sidey, Esq., Welland.*FROM COUNTY OF FRONTENAC, *RE* TARIFF CHANGES

KINGSTON, Ont., Jan. 18th. 1897

SIR,

I am requested to forward to you the enclosed copy of resolution passed by the County Council of the County of Frontenac, and request that you kindly lay the same before your Council for their co-operation and forward the resolution passed by them to me to be forwarded to the Government at Ottawa.

I remain, sir, yours truly,

Signed, D. J. WALKER,

*County Clerk, Frontenac.**Mr. R. Cooper, County Clerk, Welland, Ont.*

RESOLUTION.

Moved by —, seconded by —, that it is well known that the commission appointed to investigate the Tariff question will make their report at the next sitting of the Dominion Parliament. This Council would respectfully memorialize the Government to take into serious consideration to place the following on the free list, viz:—Crude oil, coal oil, wire for fencing and all raw material which we cannot furnish for our own use.

FROM WM. PICKARD, *RE* CONSTABULARY ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPAWA, Jan. 25th, 1897.

To the Warden and County Councillors, County of Welland :

GENTLEMEN,—

In accordance with the request made by the Ontario Provincial Constabulary Association, you will please find enclosed copy of the resolution adopted by the Association at our last annual meeting.

I herewith mail you copy of the proceedings of our last meeting. On page 15 you will find statutes enacted by the Legislative Assembly, Province of Ontario, February, 1896, *re* High and County Constables.

As the County of Welland is far behind other Counties in the matter of High and County Constables, we would humbly pray your honorable body to establish some system and a head to the workings of criminal justice in this County.

I have the honor to remain your humble servant,

Signed, WILLIAM PICKARD,

County Constable.

Ontario Provincial Constabulary Association.

THOMAS WASSON, Toronto, President.

A. H. SKIRVING, Ingersoll, Vice-President.

W. J. McRENER, Chatham, Secretary.

R. C. PALMER, Sarnia, Treasurer.

F. C. COOK, Toronto, Solicitor.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY.

CHATHAM, Ont., Dec. 15th, 1896.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Welland :

GENTLEMEN,—

At a meeting of this Association held in the City of Toronto on Feb. 14th, 1896, the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas it is greatly in the interest of criminal justice throughout the Province, that the meetings of this Association should be well and generally attended,

Therefore be it resolved, that with that object in view, the various County

Councils of the Province should be requested to defray the expenses of their Representative High Constables during their attendance at such meetings.

Respectfully,

Signed, W. J. M'RENER,
Secretary.

FROM COUNTY LAMBTON, *RE* CROSSING AND DRAINAGE
WORKS THROUGH RAILWAYS.

COUNTY OF LAMBTON, COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE,

SARNIA, January 16th, 1897.

To R. Cooper, Esq., Clerk of County of Welland :

DEAR SIR,—

I am directed by the County Council of the County of Lambton to ask you to lay the accompanying Memorial before your Council at your earliest opportunity, requesting their joint action in the matter of the grievance complained of in the Memorial, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

Signed, JOHN DALZIEL,
Clerk County Lambton.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA :

THE PETITION of the County Council of the County of Lambton,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

THAT a great grievance, which vitally affects the well-being of the entire community, exists with reference to the rights of municipalities to construct or repair drainage works through railways. It is a well-known fact that it frequently costs more to construct a drain through or across a railway than it does to construct the whole balance of the drain, and it is also a grievance that municipalities are compelled to appeal to the Railway Committee of the Privy Council in case objection is made by the railway company to permitting the drain to cross the railway track.

Your Petitioners would therefore pray that railway companies, even those declared to be for the benefit of the Dominion, be placed on the same level with other proprietors of lands, under the Drainage Act of Ontario,

with due provisions to safeguard the interests of companies with reference to the obstruction of traffic, etc.

The public are also inconvenienced to a very great degree by the refusal or delay of railway companies to make crossings for highways and streets over railways, cases having occurred where municipalities after years of correspondence were informed by railway companies that road or street crossings would only be made on condition of the corporation of the municipality paying the entire expense of constructing the crossings and signing bonds becoming responsible for all losses or damage occurring at these crossings for all time to come.

Your Petitioners would therefore pray your honorable bodies to pass such legislation as would compel railway companies to make suitable crossings at their own expense, without undue delay, for all roads and streets crossing their respective railway tracks.

Your Petitioners would also remind your honorable bodies that very great difficulty exists in the way of farmers getting farm crossings. Cases have occurred where farmers whose lands were divided by railways only obtained crossings after years of waiting and on signing bonds of indemnity to the company, and in many cases crossings have been refused altogether.

Your Petitioners would therefore pray your honorable bodies to pass legislation which will compel railway companies to provide suitable crossings in all cases where farm lands are divided by railways.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Passed in Council this 30th day of January, 1897.

(Sgd.)

(Sgd.)

Clerk.

Warden.

{ L. S. }

FROM COUNTY WENTWORTH, *RE* REGISTRY ACT AND
GENERAL ROAD COMPANIES' ACT.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE,

HAMILTON, January 18th, 1897.

DEAR SIR,—

I beg leave to enclose herewith copies of two petitions of the County

Council of Wentworth to the Ontario Legislature, regarding amendments to the Registry Act, 1893, and the General Road Companies' Act, and would request you to lay the same before your Council, or a Committee thereof empowered to deal with such matters, at the earliest opportunity, and kindly ask their co-operation ; also, that they, by resolution, request their representatives in the legislature to support said amendments when brought before the House at its next session.

I am, dear sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) G. S. COUNSELL,

Clerk, Co. of Wentworth.

TO THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO :

The Municipal Council of the

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS :

That your honorable body will be pleased to amend the General Road Companies' Act by making a suitable specification by which a toll road should be constructed and maintained thereafter, making it compulsory for each County Engineer to examine all toll roads owned by toll road companies in his county at least once each year, at a time to be fixed by the Warden of the county ; and whenever the roads, or any portion thereof, are found not up to the standard specification, that it be the duty of the Engineer to order the tolls off immediately, said tolls to remain off until the road is properly repaired, and that any appeal from his action in this matter be made to the Provincial Road Inspector instead of the County Judge, as in the opinion of your petitioners the Provincial Road Inspector, with his professional experience, would be a more competent referee than the County Judge. And that the Government grant 25 per cent. of the cost of all roads purchased by municipalities within the next three years, this being considered necessary in order to equalize the difficulty that might arise between municipalities jointly interested in the same road.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dated at this day of 1897.

TO THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO:

The Municipal Council of the

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS :

That your honorable body will be pleased to amend the Registry Act, 1893, so as to provide that every Registrar shall be entitled to retain to his own use, in each year, all the fees and emoluments received by him in that year up to \$1,000; and of the further fees and emoluments received by him in each year in excess of \$1,000, and not exceeding \$2,500, he shall be entitled to retain to his own use 75 per cent., and no more; and of the further fees and emoluments received by him in each year in excess of \$2,500, and not exceeding \$4,000, he shall be entitled to retain to his own use 50 per cent., and no more; and of the further fees and emoluments received by him in each year in excess of \$4,000, he shall be entitled to retain to his own use 25 per cent., and no more. And that the expense of the registry office, in joint registry divisions, be borne by the municipalities in proportion to the fees collected from each.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dated at this day of 1897.

FROM COUNTY SIMCOE, *RE* VICTORIA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, COUNTY SIMCOE,

BARRIE, November 25, 1896.

To Mr. R. Cooper, County Clerk, County Welland :

DEAR SIR,—

I am directed by the Council of the Corporation of the County of Simcoe to ask you to lay the accompanying Memorial before your Council at your earliest opportunity, requesting their joint action in the matter of the growing financial burden of the Victoria Industrial School, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

(Sgd.) R. T. EANTING,

C. C., C. S.

TO THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO :

THE MEMORIAL of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Simcoe, in Council Assembled,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

THAT WHEREAS the maintenance of the boys committed to the Victoria Industrial School is becoming very burdensome to the various Counties of the Province, and whereas the cost of maintenance of such boys is very much in excess per capita of the maintenance of the inmates of the County Gaols :

Therefore your Memorialists would humbly pray that your honorable body would take into consideration the advisability of passing such legislation as will relieve the Counties of this great and growing financial burden, and place the Victoria Industrial School on a similar footing to the Ontario Reformatory for Boys, which is under the maintenance and control of the Government of the Province.

And your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Passed in Council this 30th day of January, 1897.

(Sgd.)

(Sgd.)

Clerk.

Warden.

FROM COUNTY BRUCE, *RE* TAX SALES.

WALKERTON, Canada, 21st Jan., 1897.

DEAR SIR,—

The County Council of the County of Bruce have directed me to forward to the Legislative Assembly, and deliver copies of the enclosed Petition to each of the local members of the county, and to send copies to each County Council, and to request them also to petition.

By reference to the Petition you will notice what is aimed at.

If your Council approves of the Petition please have your Council sign and forward it to the proper quarter, and have your local members instructed to support the amendments desired.

I am your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) W. S. GOULD,

County Clerk.

County Clerk, Bruce.

TO THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE
 PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED :
The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of

HUMBLY SHEWETH :—

1. That the duties to be performed by Municipal Officers before lands can be legally sold for taxes are so numerous, that with the frequent change of officers new to their duties, mistakes almost invariably occur. The courts seem to hold that unless these various duties are performed the tax deed will be set aside. The result is that these lands when sold fetch a very small price in proportion to their value ; that they are purchased in the majority of cases by speculators, who when they get tax deeds sell such lands to farmers and poor men, and give them conveyances without guarantee of title. Subsequently actions are brought against these farmers and poor men, because of the irregularities committed by Municipal Officers, and tax deeds are set aside. In almost every case these tax deeds, when attacked, are set aside and the occupants ejected.

2. Among the acts to be performed and duties to be discharged by Municipal Officers the following may be mentioned :—

(a) By section 2 of the Assessment Act, unoccupied land shall be denominated "Lands of Non-Residents" unless the owner thereof has a legal domicile or place of business in the local municipality where the same is situate or gives notice in writing setting forth his name, place of residence, and post-office address, to the Clerk of the municipality, on or before the 20th day of April in each year that he owns the land, etc.

(b) Now two difficulties present themselves. The notice is not to the Assessor, but to the Clerk. It may simply be a letter and get mislaid. The Clerk prepares both rolls, resident and non-resident rolls, (see secs. 119 and 121), and the Assessor fills them up as he goes his rounds. (Sec. 14.) He finds lands unoccupied, the owner of which may be a resident, but he does not know him. The owner if resident outside the municipality may have notified the Clerk that he owns the land, but the Clerk may not notify the Assessor. The Clerk may notify the Assessor, but verbally, and the Assessor may say he never was notified by the Clerk. One can put the blame on the other.

(c) Then suppose the outside owner does give the Clerk notice under Sec. 3, and the Clerk notifies the Assessor, and the Assessor puts him on the resident roll, but next year the owner gives no notice, and there is a new

Clerk or perhaps a new Assessor, and he finds the lands unoccupied, next year he is put on the non-resident roll, etc., etc.

(d) Again, when the Assessor returns his roll, the Clerk shall examine it and forthwith furnish the County Treasurer with a list of unoccupied lands. But after this list goes, the owner of unoccupied land can apply to the Court of Revision to have his name put on the resident roll (see Secs. 4 and 143.) The Clerk having sent the County Treasurer his list forgets or omits to correct it, and the land goes to sale.

(e) Now as to the Collector (see Sec. 125). In a case such as above, the Collector, in the year that notice was given by the owner, should transmit to him by post a notice and statement of his taxes. He may forget or he may do it and have since left the county, and the owner may say he never got such notice, and to sustain the title the purchaser must prove it.

(f) Then as to next year, no notice being given and the Assessor finding the land unoccupied assesses it as "non-resident," and it goes on the non-resident roll, and the Collector finding the land unoccupied and being unable to make the taxes, is to deliver to the Treasurer of the municipality an account of the taxes remaining due on the roll, etc., and furnish the Clerk of the municipality with a duplicate of such account, and the clerk shall mail a notice to each person appearing on the roll, etc. (See Sec. 135.)

(g) Then again, the Treasurer of every county shall furnish the Clerk of each municipality (except cities and towns) in the county with a list of all the lands in his municipality in respect to which taxes have been in arrears for three years next preceding the First day of January in any year, etc. (See Sec. 140.)

(h) Then such Municipal Clerk is to keep such list on file in his office subject to inspection, etc., and deliver a copy of it to the Assessor when appointed, and the Assessor is to see if any of such lands are occupied, etc., and he is to notify the occupants, and also the owners thereof if known, whether resident within the municipality or not, that the land is liable to be sold for taxes, etc., and such lists shall be signed by the Assessor, and the Clerk shall file them in his office and at once furnish the County Treasurer with a true copy certified under the seal of the corporation, and the Assessor shall attach to such list a certificate signed by him and verified by oath or affirmation, etc. (See Secs. 141 and 142.)

(i) Then the Clerk of the local municipality shall examine the assessment roll when returned by the Assessor to see if any such land is occupied,

etc., and if so, furnish a list of occupied lands to the County Treasurer, and he shall add such arrears to the roll (see Sec. 143), but such list may be altered by the Court of Revision and the Clerk may not notify the County Treasurer. Then the Collector is to see if he can collect the arrears of taxes and collect them if he can, before the lands can be sold. (See Sec. 144.)

3. Surely it is the duty of non-residents to pay their taxes as debtors are obliged to pay any other debt. Why should the creditor, the municipality, be put to all the trouble and expense, because of debtor's carelessness? And if in taking care of the debtor's interests, Municipal Officers commit a mistake or mistakes, that the debtor can take advantage of it?

4. The whole scope of these cumbrous proceedings is to protect the absentee owner, and compel the occupant to pay the taxes so as to save the owner.

5. As between the owner and the occupant the owner should be obliged to take such measures as would protect himself, and not ask the municipality to protect him in so extensive a manner at its expense and risk.

6. The owners of non-resident lands in organized municipalities know they are assessed. They know, too, where to enquire for the amount of their taxes. They ought to take care that their lands are not sold for taxes by paying the taxes. It should be made their business to do so, not the business of municipalities to take expensive precautions, difficult of performance, to protect their lands from sale.

7. The Assessors, the Collector, the Treasurer of each local municipality, the Council, and the County Treasurer, have separate duties to perform to protect the unfortunate absentee owner or mortgagee from having his land sold to pay taxes on those lands.

8. Your petitioners are of opinion that the assessment law should be amended so as to obviate the difficulties placed in the way of municipalities by the several duties required to be performed by Municipal Officers before lands can be sold for taxes.

9. Your petitioners therefore pray that your honorable house will so amend the Assessment Act that lands, and particularly unoccupied lands, may be readily and cheaply sold if taxes remain unpaid.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dated the day of January, A. D. 1897.